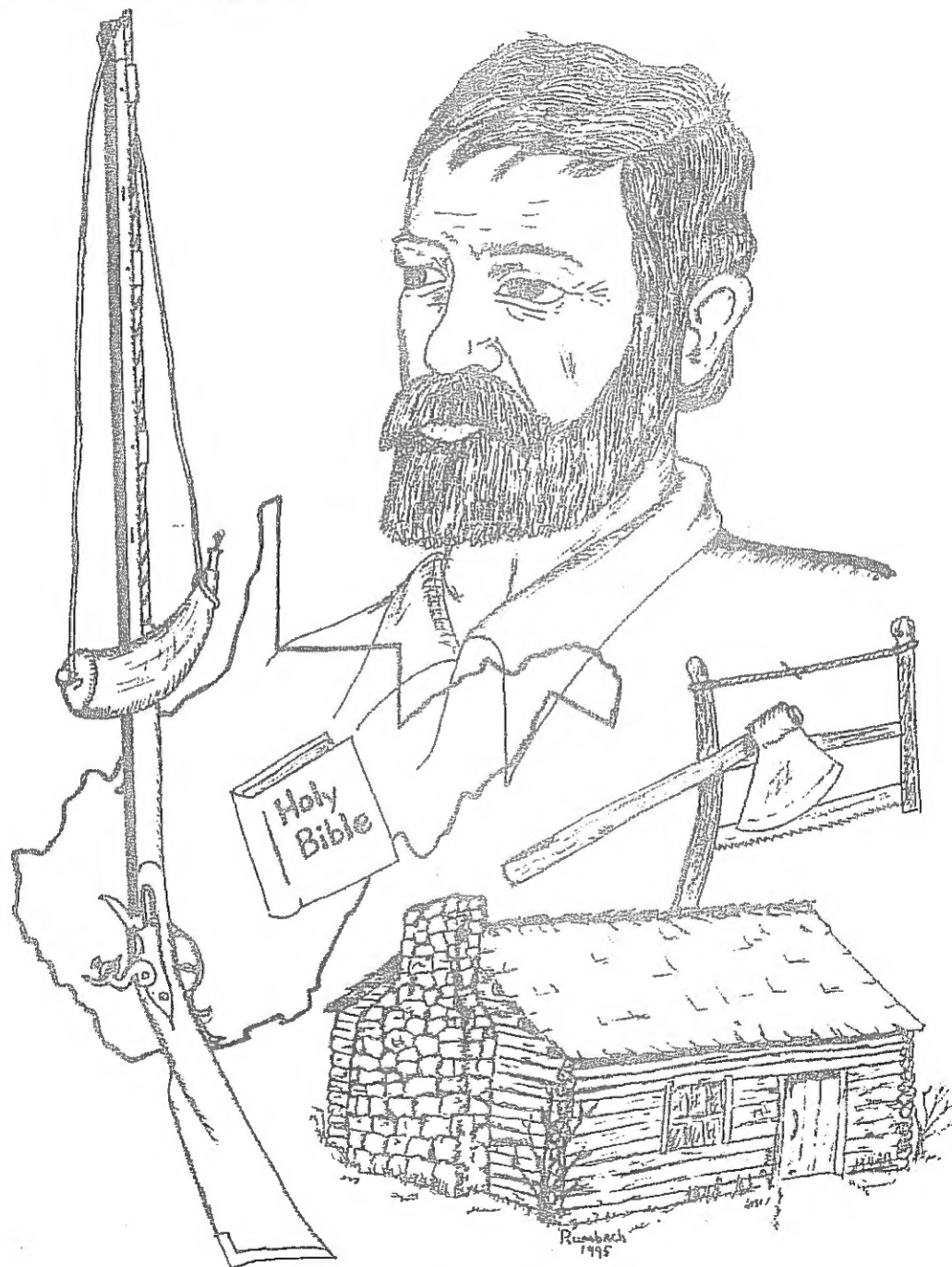


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Joy

# jots from joy

## *Dear Cousins and Friends;*

A lot of water has gone over the dam since we last spoke. As genealogists we all spend a lot of time searching through death records and recording tombstones. Sometimes things happen that make these more personal to each of us. So it is now with me.\* Chuck is gone - to be met again someday in a better place. And, in time, the same shall happen to us all. It is the realization that we will all come to the end of our time on this earth that prompts me to speak with you about something near and dear to my heart.

Hopefully, because of the work that you and I do, Chuck, you, and I won't be lost to future generations. And, at the same time, we are doing our "bit" to salvage the old records that lead us to our lost ancestors. We are struggling to preserve yesterday for tomorrow. Toward that end, HCPD collects not only published books, but also unpublished manuscripts, photos, postcards and letters, journals and diaries, anything that might lend a clue to our past.

Preserving these things is not a one man or one woman job. It requires each of us doing our part.

Long ago Chuck and I designated HCPD as the repository for our personal genealogical collection; and, we took steps to implement the transfer by (1) seeing that photocopies of all our compilations are in the HCPD files and (2) setting aside a sum to assist the future generations of the HCPD in archiving and caring for items like original documents and unpublished manuscripts that the organization might later acquire from our estate.

I tell you this not to boast or brag about a gift, but rather to encourage you to do the same. Photocopy or electronically reproduce (computerize) your genealogical compilations for the HCPD files. Donate them now - so that they may be shared and used by today's generation. Then, when you and your family are finished with photos and other original papers, give them to the HCPD library along with a donation to help the library preserve them for future generations. If you have any questions about donation procedures, please contact us at the library. By the way, donations to HCPD are tax deductible.

Before I bring this letter to a close, I'd like to share one more thing with you - my enthusiasm for our new acting president, Cary L. Williams. Cary, as vice president, has been "in training" to be HCPD's president for the past two years. He has served us well; and, on more than one occasion, he was required to step in for our ailing president. Now he will complete Chuck's unexpired term as Acting President. Perhaps, come August and the gathering, you will elect him to serve in his own right as our president. Meanwhile, I pledge that I will work closely with Cary to continue to administer HCPD in a proper and forthright manner.

*\*For our members who might not know, HCPD's late president, Charles H. Gilchrist (1938-1998) was Joy's husband.*



Creek  
during

Our hearts are full with the love so many people expressed with cards and letters, floral tributes, food, visits, and the donations to the Hacker's Pioneer Descendants Building Fund during Chuck's last days and his funeral. Many of you remarked about Chuck's joy for life and his helpful ways. Somehow you all found the right words. Thank you for reminding us. We needed that.

Some of you were surprised that his last days were so short in time. "He seemed so healthy when I last saw him," some said. "I thought he was in remission," said others.

Chuck was afflicted with the most deadly and the most rapidly killing of cancers - small cell carcinoma of the lung, which is attributed directly to smoking. Though he denied the cause for many months, during his final two days, he repeatedly said, "I wish that we had a video camera to tape this so people could see for themselves what lung cancer does." We, his family, would be remiss if we did not share his final thoughts with you.

We thank all who helped in any way to ease our burdens during those last days and especially Rev. Bill Dawson, Father Phil Houton, John Hersman, Mark Curtis, Dr. Frank Scattaregia, Leslie Van Pelt, the doctors and nurses in the oncology unit at Ruby and the staff at Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital, friends at Stonecoal United Methodist Church, Doyle Chapel United Methodist Church, and Rock Grove Baptist Church, the East Lewis Lions Club, and all the HCPD family.

The family of Charles H. Gilchrist



## Vincent Alexander of Freeman's Creek District

By Connie Alexander Street  
with the research assistance of  
Don Boyd, Hazel Sade, Kent Linscott and many other family members

Vincent Alexander lived in Lewis County about 50 years, a farmer who made his home in the northwestern part of the county in Freeman's Creek District. He raised eight children and buried one.

He was born 12 May 1798 in Northumberland County, Va., the son of Rawleigh and Elizabeth Alexander. After his father died in Northumberland County, in 1803, Vincent's mother brought him and his siblings to the (now) Lewis County area. It is unknown why she made the decision, although she may have been related to the Hurst family who later settled in the Freeman's Creek District of Lewis County.

We know very little about Vincent's ancestry. We'll begin with what we know about Vincent's father. Rawleigh Alexander lived in St. Stephens Parish, Northumberland County, Va., which is located south of the Potomac River and along the Chesapeake Bay. His parentage is unknown.

The earliest record we find of Rawleigh Alexander is in Northumberland County Order Book 1749-1753, page 101. Dated 13 Nov 1750, it says: *"Rawleigh Alexander is by the court bound to Thomas Hughlett till he arrives to the age of twenty one years and the said Hughlett is to Learn him the trade of a shoemaker and to read and write and pay his Freedom dues according to Law. Whereupon Edwin Fielding and John Mash became his Securities in the Penalty of L100 Current Money for the due Performance of the same".*

It is a possibility that Rawleigh may have been orphaned or illegitimate, since no parents were named in his apprenticeship. Generally, if a child was orphaned it would be noted in the apprenticeship records. Apprenticeships usually began at about the age of 14, so we believe Rawleigh was probably born about 1736.

The master usually treated an apprentice as a member of the family. Skilled craftsmen, such as shoemakers, earned very good wages for their products.

Usually when the father did not have enough land to divide among all of his boys, the older sons would get the land and the younger ones would be apprenticed out to learn a trade. This information provided by personal letter dated 3 Nov 1991 from W. Preston Haynie, author of *"Northumberland County Virginia Apprenticeships 1650-1750"*.

The marriage date of Rawleigh Alexander and his first wife, Mary Hughlett daughter of Thomas and Judith Hughlett, is unknown. They were married sometime before Thomas Hughlett's death in 1766, when the following court order was recorded in Record Book 7, page 2: *"In obedience to an order of court held for Northumberland County dated the 8th day of September*

*1766, we the appointed persons did meet at Thomas Hughlett's and possessed Rawleigh Alexander with his wife's part of her deceased father's estate according to the order. Signed: Eben Nelms, Richard Walker and James Daugherty".*

Rawleigh's parentage is guesswork at this time. His father may have been Ewell Alexander, who was born ca 1720 and died before 9 Apr 1770. If our birth year for Rawleigh is correct, Ewell would have only been 16 at the time of Rawleigh's birth, making it very possible that Rawleigh was illegitimate. Ewell's parents were probably John and Ann Alexander. When Ann Alexander, John's widow, died in 1757, she made specific reference in her will to a grandson's "*heir, lawfully begotten of his body*". This may be a clue to Rawleigh's status, or perhaps non-status in the family.

Rawleigh bought the plantation that originally belonged to Ann and John Alexander. During the years 1774 and 1775, he purchased parcels of the land from the remaining heirs named in Ann's will. It is a guess on the author's part, but it would seem he felt the land was rightfully his, perhaps because he descended from Ann and John.

I "Roughliell Alexander was named guardian of minor children, Ellis and Elizabeth Alexander, in the Northumberland County will of James Alexander dated 7 May 1778. James referred to Rawleigh as his "trusty friend" and named him the executor of his estate.

Rawleigh's name appears in many court records as administrator for several estates and for security of bonds.

We have found no record of Rawleigh serving as a soldier in the American Revolution. However, records indicate he provided 12 pounds of bacon and drove "cattle to the army" to be used as provisions by the Continental Army in 1781.

Tax records for 1782 of St. Stephens Parish show him with 10 whites and four blacks; in 1784, with nine whites and one black. Perhaps it was during this time period that his first wife, Mary Hughlett, died.

The 1787 tax list of Northumberland County shows Rawleigh with six slaves, two horses and 12 head of cattle.

Rawleigh married Elizabeth Smoot 11 Sep 1789. Elizabeth was the widow of Charles Smoot, a grandson of John and Ann Alexander. Charles died in 1787, leaving Elizabeth with five children: Thomas, William, Charles, Winifred and Elizabeth. The 1789 Northumberland County tax records show "Betty Smoot" with one horse and two cows.

Rawleigh's will, written 23 Jul 1803, probated 8 Oct 1804, and recorded in Northumberland County Fiduciary Book 17, page 229, made the following provisions: *"My land to my wife, and Lucy Alexander, and Sarah Alexander, during their single lives, and afterwards to be sold and the money to be equally divided between Ewel, Thomas, Rawleigh, John, Polly, Lucy and Sally Alexander. To my daughter Betty Alexander - negro girl Peggy. To my son Vincent Alexander - negro boy Peter. To my son Jesse D. Alexander - negro boy Joe. Negro woman Siller, to be free and to live with any of my children she chooses.*

*The rest of my estate to my seven children Ewel, Thomas, Rawleigh, John, Polly, Lucy and Sally. If any of my children should try to pick any hole or take advantage as to the legality of this will shall be cut off with ten shillings, and their part to be divided among the rest of my children".*

Northumberland County Fiduciary Book 17, page 449, dated 14 Jul 1806, records the estate division. It leaves to Rawleigh's widow, Elizabeth, and the children from his first marriage, one Negro slave and 66.10 pounds, each.

Included in the inventory of Rawleigh's property were 12 slaves - Will, Jack, Siller, Betty of child, Nancy of child in dispute, Hannah, Spencer, Sam, Peter, Peggy, Joe and David. He also owned five beds, assorted furniture, a coffee pot and coffee mill, a parcel of old books, four spinning wheels, 15 hogs, two yoke of oxen, cattle, and much more, although nothing that appears to be the tools of a shoemaker.

According to W. Preston Haynie's "A Northumberland County Bookshelf," John Alexander's inventory in 1749 included a parcel of books, Ann Alexander's inventory in 1757 included a parcel of books, and Ewell Alexander's inventory in 1770 included a parcel of books. Might they have been the same parcel of books that Rawleigh's inventory listed? Maybe not, but its food for thought. It does indicate that the family was literate. The inventory of Rawleigh's youngest son, Vincent, also contained a set of books.

It should also be noted that many people have misread Rawleigh's name as Rody in the death record of his son, Vincent, recorded in Lewis Co. (W)Va. It appears to have been spelled Rolly but the handwriting is misleading.

#### **Children of Rawleigh and Mary (Hughlett) Alexander were as follows:**

1. **Ewel Alexander** was named administrator of Rawleigh's estate, along with his brother Thomas. A probate record for Ewel Alexander is dated 10 May 1815. Two marriage records exist for the name Ewel Alexander after Rawleigh's death: to Sally Dollins 13 Feb 1808, and to Alice Dodson 28 May 1817. It is unknown if either of these Ewel Alexanders is the son of Rawleigh.
2. **John Alexander** was named in the wills of his younger brother, Rawleigh, and sister Sally.
3. **Lucy Alexander** married John Bailey 27 Jun 1809, in Northumberland County. She was named an heir in the wills of her sister Sally, and younger brother, Rawleigh.
4. **Thomas Alexander** was named administrator to Rawleigh's estate, along with his brother, Ewel. Marriage records in Northumberland County show a Thomas Alexander married 2 Feb 1802, to Mary E. Christopher. He was widowed soon after, then married 4 Sep 1802, to Winifred Hornsby. It is unknown if this Thomas Alexander is the son of Rawleigh.
5. **Rawleigh Alexander** died in 1805, Northumberland County. The will of this Rawleigh, dated 20 Aug 1805 and probated 13 Jan 1806, left his estate to his sisters, Lucy and Sally, and his brother, John.
6. **Mary Alexander** was born 25 Jan 1770. She died before 1773, Northumberland County.

7. **Mary "Polly" Alexander**, born in 1773, Northumberland County, married Isaac Edwards in 1799.
- 8 **Sarah "Sally" Alexander** was born 26 Feb 1778 and died in 1805, Northumberland County. She remained single. Her will, probated 13 Jan 1806, leaves her estate to her brother, John Alexander, and her sister, Lucy Alexander.

**Children of Rawleigh and Elizabeth [Way?/Hurst?] Smoot Alexander were as follows:**

9. **Elizabeth Alexander**, born 1792 Northumberland County. Her father's will named her Betty. A Betsy Alexander married John D. Henry 4 May 1817, Lewis County, (W)Va. We find no further information on them.
10. **Jesse Alexander**, born 1795 Northumberland County. He probably died 1816-1820 Lewis Co., (W)Va., or joined Betsy and John Henry wherever they went, as we find no further record of him.
11. **Vincent Alexander**, born 1798, will be the focus of the remainder of this family history.

Vincent Alexander, son of Rawleigh Alexander and of Elizabeth [Way? Hurst?] Smoot, born 12 May 1798 Northumberland Co., Va.; died 6 Aug 1861 (63) Lewis Co., (W)Va.; buried Hurst Cemetery, Hurst, Lewis Co., (W)Va.. He was married (1) 9 Dec 1816, Harrison Co., (West) Virginia, to Rebecca Estlack, daughter of Joseph Estlack and of Hannah Lippencourt Salisbury; and was married (2) 19 Aug 1819, Randolph Co., (West) Virginia. to Mary England; and was married (3) 15 Mar 1821, Lewis Co., (West) Virginia. to Mary "Polly" Winans, daughter of Isaac Winans and of Ruth Ayers.

After Rawleigh Alexander, Vincent's father, died in Northumberland County, Va., in 1803, his mother moved to Harrison County, (W)Va., with at least four of her children - Winifred Smoot, and Vincent, Elizabeth and Jesse Alexander.

On 20 Aug 1811, Thomas McWhorter, an attorney in Harrison County, was named guardian of Vincent, his sister, Elizabeth, and his brother, Jesse, "orphans of Rawley Alexander". McWhorter made a trip to Northumberland County to get the children's property, presumably the slaves inherited from Rawleigh's estate. It took McWhorter 20 days in September 1811, to make the entire trip.

The guardianship record is located in Harrison County Minute Book 1811-1812, page 104. David Stringer and John Edmunds were McWhorter's security. Harrison County Will Book 2, page 32 notes that McWhorter claimed expenses of \$32.08 for his trip on behalf of the children. This record has confused researchers because there is no comma between the children's names, making it look as if there were two children, Elizabeth Vincent and Jesse Alexander.

At age 18, Vincent married Rebecca Estlack with his mother's permission for the "mach". Elizabeth signed her permission with an X which was witnessed by Daniel McCan and John Hurst.

Lewis County was formed from Harrison County in 1816. Whether Vincent's actual place of residence changed, we do not know. Most likely, he was living in the present-day Jane Lew area. Records on Vincent after 1816 are located in Lewis County.

Lewis County court records indicate that Rebecca probably died before February 1818, when Dr. Josiah Henderson sued Vincent for \$30. The doctor stated that he had made four visits and prescribed "sundry medicines" for the "wife of the defendant," Vincent Alexander. A court battle ensued until April 1821.

One might assume that Rebecca died and perhaps Vincent felt that he shouldn't have to pay the bill since the doctor was not able to save her. When the court battle was settled, Vincent was ordered to pay \$75.36, including court costs and interest.

Rebecca probably died in childbirth or soon after her daughter Elizabeth was born 6 Oct 1817.

We find Vincent in court again in September 1819. A summons was issued 14 Jun 1819 for assault and battery, stating he "with force and arms, did commit assault on the body of Elisha Hall".

Regarding Vincent's second marriage, it should be noted that there are records in Randolph County, (West) Virginia, of an Elias Alexander. Could this be "Ellis" named earlier? Perhaps Vincent met Mary England while visiting Elias/Ellis in Randolph County, after Rebecca's death. Vincent's second wife, Mary England Alexander, does not show up in the 1820 census. We can only assume she died soon after the wedding, or this Vincent and Mary Alexander may be a completely different couple and never lived in Lewis County.

There is a child and an older woman in Vincent's Lewis County home in the 1820 census. They are probably his mother and his daughter, both named Elizabeth Alexander.

In November 1820, Vincent served on a jury in Lewis County.

We'll probably never know much more about Vincent's personality unless a diary or personal letters are discovered. It would appear he was a sensitive young man who could be quite stubborn and even hot-tempered when angered. After all, he was the youngest child in a family with 10 older brothers and sisters and five stepbrothers and sisters. As he matured he became a well-respected citizen, holding responsible jobs, including elected positions.

He served as postmaster while living on Rush Run on Freeman's Creek near Freemansburg, Lewis County, (West) Virginia

Vincent bought more than 2,000 acres of land, mostly in the western Lewis County area, during his lifetime.

He was elected Justice for the Fourth District of Lewis County in 1852 and again in 1856 (Justice would be an equivalent of today's County Commissioner). The Fourth District included the valleys of Freeman's Creek, Leading Creek, Fink Creek and their branches.

He served as church treasurer and as deacon for the Freeman's Creek Baptist Church, organized 12 Nov 1831, at Freemansburg. After his death, his

heirs donated a tract of land to the church. Today a wood frame church building has replaced an early log structure. Vincent's oldest son, William, is buried behind the church in the large cemetery.

Vincent died as the result of injuries he received in a fall, probably in some type of farm accident.

The appraisement bill of Vincent's personal estate shows that he was a farmer with about 14 head of sheep, 13 hogs, one grey mare and one colt. He owned many tools and a set of books. The estate sold for \$221.66 on 8 Mar 1862.

Chancery Court records in Lewis County name Vincent's heirs as: Mary Alexander, widow; Jesse D. Alexander; William Alexander; Washington Alexander; Vincent Hurst and his wife, the former Eliza Alexander; Emily Alexander; Sarena Alexander; George Snyder and his wife, the former Amy Alexander; Hezekiah Stout and his wife, the former Elizabeth Alexander.

Vincent's widow, Mary "Polly" Winans Alexander, bought 88 acres on Little Cove Creek in 1869 where she lived until her death of paralysis 17 Sep 1874. She left the acreage to her unmarried daughters, Emily and Cerina.

Vincent and Mary are buried at Hurst Cemetery at Hurst.

#### **CHILDREN: - Vincent and Rebecca (Estlack) Alexander**

##### **1. Elizabeth Alexander**

- b. 6 Oct 1817 Lewis Co., (West) Virginia
  - d. 2 Feb 1902 prob. Richland Twp., Richland Co., Wisc.
  - bur. Willow Valley Cem., Richland Co., Wisc.
  - m. Hezekiah Stout, Jr., 28 Apr 1836 Lewis Co., (West) Virginia
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#### **CHILDREN: - Vincent and Mary (Winans) Alexander**

##### **1. Marinda Alexander**

- b. 5 Mar 1822 Lewis Co., (West) Virginia
- d. 10 Dec 1822 (9 mo.) Lewis Co., (West) Virginia

##### **2. William Alexander**

- b. 11 Sep 1823 Lewis Co., (West) Virginia
- d. 28 Mar 1870 (46) Lewis Co., WV
- bur. Freemansburg Baptist Cem., Freemansburg, WV
- m. Mary Elizabeth Cox, 26 Feb 1844 Lewis Co., (West) Virginia

##### **3. Emily Alexander**

- b. 2 Apr 1825 Lewis Co., (West) Virginia
- d. 3 Sep 1909 (84) Leopold, Doddridge Co., WV
- bur. Mt. Olive Cemetery, Grove, Doddridge Co.

##### **4. Jesse Denny Alexander**

- b. 24 Mar 1827 Lewis Co., (West) Virginia
- d. 24 Oct 1915 (88) Granada, Douglas Co., Mo.
- bur. Day Chapel Cemetery, Granada, Mo.
- m. Sarah Elizabeth Simmons, 11 Nov 1849 Harrison Co., (West) Virginia

##### **5. Elizabeth "Eliza" Alexander**

- b. 22 Aug 1829 Lewis Co., (West) Virginia
- d. 19 May 1895 (66)
- bur. Point Pleasant/Woofter/, Fallen Timbers Cem., Doddridge Co.
- m. Vincent Hurst, 11 Jul 1857 Lewis Co., (West) Virginia
- 6. **Cyrena (Serena) Alexander**
  - b. 31 Jul 1831 Lewis Co., (West) Virginia
  - d. 15 Dec 1914 (83) Doddridge Co., WV
  - bur. prob. Mt. Olive Cem., Grove, Doddridge Co., No stone.
  - m. Joshua Percy, 27 Feb 1874 Lewis Co., WV
  - m. Stewart Chapman, 10 Feb 1884 Doddridge Co., WV
- 7. **Amy Alexander**
  - b. 10 Sep 1833 Lewis Co., (West) Virginia
  - d. 9 May 1898 (65)
  - bur. prob. Childers Cemetery, Doddridge Co.
  - m. George W. Snider, 1860
- 8. **George "Wash" Washington Alexander**
  - b. 11 Oct 1835 Lewis Co., (West) Virginia
  - d. 18 Feb 1890 (55) Scotland Co., Mo.
  - bur. Bethlehem Cem., nr Luray, Clark Co., Mo.
  - m. Mary Osburn, 4 Oct 1857 Lewis Co., (West) Virginia

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**Final notes:** It is perhaps unfair for researchers in the 21st century to guess that Rawleigh Alexander may have been illegitimate because we have found no 18th century records substantiating his parentage. We've searched every known record in Northumberland County with no satisfactory results. We admit we have not followed up on the Baily or Edwards families to see if they possess any family information.

Regarding Winifred Smoot, daughter of Charles and Elizabeth Smoot (later Alexander), the author believes she is the *"Winny Smutell who married John Hurst in Harrison County, (West) Virginia, in 1810"*. John Hurst and Vincent Alexander are seen together throughout Lewis County court records. If this assumption of relationship is correct, Vincent and John would have been step brothers-in-law:

There were Hurst families in early Northumberland County. Winny's death record in Lewis County gives her mother's maiden name as Hurst, but since that is the only record with that information, it is not accepted as fact at this time. If there is a relationship, it could explain why Elizabeth moved to the Lewis County area.

There is a Vincent Alexander in the 1810 Harrison County census. Our Vincent would only have been 12 years old at that time. We have found no relationship to this Vincent Alexander. In fact, his surname may have been Sandy, rather than Alexander. He died in Harrison County ca 1817. His wife signed her name as Malinda Sandy.

We have collected a great deal of information on Vincent's descendants. Many of them remain in West Virginia, while many others have scattered west to Ohio, Missouri, Iowa, Texas, California, etc. If anyone reading this believes

they are related to this family, please contact Connie Street, 325 Franklin Ave., Wapello, IA 52653.

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**Harrison County Minute Book (1811-1812), page 104**

Aug. 20, 1811. The court doth assign Thomas McWhorter guardian to Elizabeth Alexander, Vincent Alexander and Jesse Alexander, orphans of Rawleigh Alexander deceased and therupon said Thomas McWhorter with David Stringer and John Edmunds his sec., entered into and acknowledged their bond in the penalty of \$1,500 with condition according to law.

**Harrison County Will Book 2, page 32**

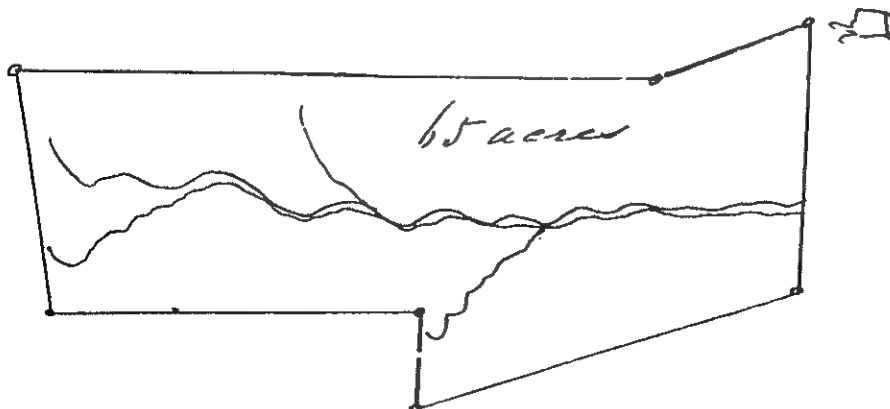
Thomas McWhorter of Alessanders. Bill of Thomas McWhorters. Expenditure in going to Northumberland County, Virginia in order to get the property of Eloizabeth Vincent and Jesse Alexander from the 29<sup>th</sup> of August 1811 to the 18<sup>th</sup> of September 1811 \$14 Traveling to Northumberland and back 20 days \$15 attending court on their business \$3 Total Amount \$32.08.

According to an order of the Court of Harrison County at the September term after having been sworn have settled with Thomas McWhorter Guardian of Elizabeth. Vincent and Jesse Alexander and report to the court that the above is a true settlement given under our hands this 13<sup>th</sup> of November 1811.

Joseph Chevrou, John Mitchel B... Bond

(Note the lack of a comma between Elizabeth and Vincent. This punctuation error has caused a lot of researchers through the years to ask, Who was Elizabeth Vincent?)

**Lewis County, WV, Surveyor's Book 3, P179**



May 14<sup>th</sup> 1838

Surveyed for Vincent Alexander 65 acres by virtue of part of two Land office treasury warrant towit: 50 acres part of one for 400 acres No. 12517 Dated 19<sup>th</sup> of Feby 1836 assee of Michael G. Busch and 15 acres part of one for



500 acres No. 12849 Dated the 23<sup>rd</sup> of Feby 1837 assee of Currence B. Conrad Lying and being in the County of Lewis on Sims Run a branch of Leading creek and bounded as follows towit: Beginning at a white oak and beech thence N50° E36 poles to a gum N30° W57 poles to a beech S70° W88 poles to gum and Maple N24° W22 poles to a white oak S52° W92 poles to a white oak & chesnut oak S23° E63 poles to the beginning.

E. Winans  
John Lorentz

*This is the only survey located for any of Vincent Alexander's land. It is unknown if he actually lived on this piece of property.*

**Lewis County, WV, Chancery Orders Book 3, (1849-1854), page 86**

Vincent Alexander vs. Phillip Ozburn  
Oct. 24, 1850

On motion of the defendant he hath leave to file his answer to the complainants bill which being here filed in court, the complete replies generally thereto.

**Lewis County, WV, Chancery Orders Book 3, (1849-1854), page 114**

Oct. 31, 1850  
Vincent Alexander vs. Phillip Ozburn

The bill in this cause having been filed more than two months and the subpoena to answer the same having been returned executed this cause coming on the day to be heard upon the bill answer thereto replication and exhibits was argued by council on consideration thereof by consent of the parties it is adjudged ordered and decreed that the said contract between the said Alexander and said Ozborn in relation to the said land be received and annulled and in order to a final decree between the parties in this cause it is ordered that the same be referred to Master Commissioner G. W. Jackson to ascertain and report the amount of the payments of the purchase money made by the said Ozborn.

Decreed that the said contract be rescinded and annulled and it is ordered that the same be referred to G. W. Jackson. Purchase money by said value of permanent improvements on the said land of the said Ozburn since the said contract also the value of the rents and profits of the said land since the said Ozburn has possession of the same stating an account of said subject and showing the balance if any that may be due from either part to the other.

**Lewis County, WV, Chancery Orders Book 3, (1849-1854)**

June 4, 1851  
Vincent Alexander vs. Phillip Ozborn

This cause coming on this day be heard upon the bill answer replication thereto and exhibits and has argued by council upon consideration where of and by an argument in writing between the parties filed in the said course.

It be adjudged and ordered and decreed that the said sale of the 10 acres of land in the bill and proceedings mentioned be canceled and set aside and that a writ of possession be awarded to the complainant against the said defendant to take effect April 1, 1852.

**Lewis County, WV, Chancery Orders Book 4, (1854-1859), page 67**

Vincent Alexander vs. Benjamin Hurst  
April 2, 1853

This cause came on this day to be heard upon the bill of complainant and exhibits therewith filed, and it appearing to the court that the subpoenas to answer the same have been served on the defendants. John Hurst and John McWhorter more than two months before the present term of this court, and they still failing to appear and answer the said bill, it is therefore ordered that the same be taken for confessed as to them, and if further appearing that the order of publication against the absent defendant Benjamin Hurst taken at rules has been duly published and posted and it also appearing to the court on evidence of John Morrow taken upon the hearing, that the paper filed in this cause assigning to complainant all the interest of said Benjamin Hurst to the land in the bill mentioned and directing a conveyance thereof to complainant and subscribed to by said Benjamin Hurst, and it further appearing that said complainant has paid all the purchase money due from said Benjamin Hurst, it is therefore adjudged ordered and decreed that said defendant John McWhorter to convey the land in the bill mentioned to said complainant instead of to Benjamin Hurst in all respects as he was directed to convey the same to said Benjamin Hurst.

**Lewis County, WV, Chancery Orders Book 5, (1859-1867), page 330**

Gibson J. Butcher administrator of  
Charles J. Moore deceased complainant  
vs. Vincent Alexander heirs defendants  
Sept. 13, 1866

It appearing to the court that since the decree rendered in the cause for the sale of the land in the bill mentioned the said Charles J. Moore and Vincent Alexander have both departed this life the said Butcher as administrator of said Moore filed his bill of review at the rules against Mary Alexander widow and Jesse D. Alexander administrator and Jesse D. Alexander, William Alexander, Washington Alexander, Vincent Hurst and Eliza his wife, Emily Alexander, Sarena Alexander, and George Snyder and Amy his wife and Hezekiah Stout and Elizabeth his wife heirs at law of said Vincent Alexander deceased. And the

process found thereon having been duly executed on all said defendants except William Alexander and Hezekiah Stout and Elizabeth his wife and the orders of publications awarded at the rules against them having been duly executed and said cause regularly matured against all of said heirs, widow and administrator, and set for hearing before the present term of this court, and they not appearing, on motion of the complainant it is ordered that this cause be revived in the name of said Gibson J. Butcher administrator of said Charles J. Moore deceased, against said heirs widow and administrator of Vincent Alexander deceased and the said husbands of said female children and heirs, and be and stand in all respects in the same plight and condition as it was at the death of said Vincent Alexander and said Charles J. Moore.

And it is further adjudged ordered and decreed that this cause be referred to one of the commissioners of this court who is directed 1st to settle and state the accounts of Jesse D. Alexander as Administrator of Vincent Alexander deceased and return his statement and report to this court.

2<sup>nd</sup> to ascertain all the debts and demands against the said Vincent Alexander deceased or his estate, and their priorities, and 3<sup>rd</sup> to report whether or not the assets in the hands of said Jesse D. Alexander are sufficient to satisfy all of such debts and demands. But before executing this order, the said commissioner shall fix upon a time and place for executing this reference, and shall give personal notice to such of the said parties as may at the time be within this state and shall also publish notice of such time and place and of the objects of this reference for four consecutive weeks in some newspaper published in the county of Lewis or in the county of Upshur and after executing this order the said commissioner shall report his proceeding to this court, in order to further proceedings in this cause.

**Lewis County, WV, Chancery Orders Book 5, (1859-1867), page 405**

The judge of this court being so situated as in his opinion to make it improper for him to decide the above causes on motion of the complainants it is ordered that said causes be transferred to the Circuit Court for Gilmer County there to be proceeded in to final decree and it is further ordered that the clerk of this court transmit the papers of each of said causes together with transcripts of the proceedings had therein to the clerk of the said circuit court of Gilmer County.

Robert Irvine

**Lewis County, WV, Chancery Orders Book 5, (1859-1867), page 354**

John P. Hull complainant vs. Vincent Alexander heirs defendants

It appearing to the court that since the rendition of the decree, heretofore pronounced in this cause, the defendant Vincent Alexander has departed this life intestate, leaving Mary Alexander his widow, and Vincent Hurst and Eliza his wife, late Eliza Alexander, Emily Alexander, Sarena Alexander and George

Snyder and Amy his wife late Amy Alexander, William Alexander and Hezekiah Stout and Elizabeth his wife late Elizabeth Alexander and Jesse D. Alexander his heirs at law and distributies, and that has qualified as administrator of said Vincent Alexander deceased, and it appearing that the complainant has at rules sued out a sceri? facias against the said persons to revive this cause against them in their several characters aforesaid: and the said scui facias having been duly executed on the said Mary Alexander, Vincent Hurst and Eliza his wife late Eliza Hurst (This is the way the court record is written, but it is incorrect. Eliza's maiden name was Alexander.), Emily Alexander, Sarena Alexander, George Snyder and Amy his wife late Amy Alexander, George Snyder and Amy his wife late Amy Alexander, and Washington Alexander (was not listed earlier) and Jesse Alexander, and the order of publications entered at rules against the said William Alexander and Hezekiah Stout and said Elizabeth his wife, later Elizabeth Alexander, having been duly published and posted as required by law, and this cause having been regularly set forth and this case having been regularly set for hearing upon said scui facias at rules.

It is therefore ordered that this cause be and stand revived against the said widow and heirs, in their character aforesaid, and against the said Jesse D. Alexander as Administrator of Vincent Alexander deceased, and stand in the same condition in which it was at the time of death of said Vincent Alexander.

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## ORDER FORM IN BACK OF JOURNAL

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# PAUL TETER MITCHELL'S SIPHERING BOOK

January 29, 1854

Submitted by Vickki Mitchell

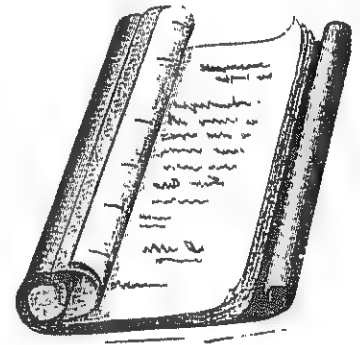
This book was owned by Paul Teter Mitchel (born 1822), a grand son of Rev. John Mitchel. He used this book as a record of what he owed and who owed him (abbreviated dr or Dr). Also included are births, deaths and marriages of members of his family and personal notations. There are two indexes, one in front and one in back. The writing was done in pencil and quill and ink. After a page was filled or a balance was paid off, it was crossed out in pencil. After Paul's death in 1898, someone else took over filling in family records. This has been copied as P.T. wrote it, spelling and all. The words, "when this you see, remember me" were written on the inside cover (probably by one of the children). The notebook is brown, - about 6"x7" with a leather and paper binding and cover. It is owned by Jim and Vikki Mitchell.

## Inside Front

Paul T. Mitchell's  
Siphering Book  
January the 29th 1854

P.T. Mitchell's accont (account)  
Book January the 29th 18(??)

Loud prayers please  
read these few verses the 6th  
chap. of Mat. 1 x 8



(The first few pages are number work)

A	A	A	Page
Dr. Roach			7
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Pg. 7

May the 15th 1868

P.T. Mitchel dr to Dr. Roach

5.00

Pg. 8

P.T. Mitchel dr to Dr. E. Christian

18.00

nov. the 7th 1883 received from P.T.

Mitchel cabbage amounting to

5.00

Dr. to one trip

3.00

Oct. 20 1882 to cabbage

Pg. 9

P.T. Mitchel Dr to Dr. T.G. Edmison

3.00

Pg. 10

April 17th 1879

P.T. Mitchel woked ed tates mule

from morning till 10 oClock

P.T. Mitchel had ed tates mule two thirds

of a day April the 21 1879

P.T. Mitchel had Ed Tate mule one day on

the 22nd of April 1879

April the 23rd of 1879 P.T. Mitchel used

Ed Tate mule one day

April the 24th 1879 P.T. Mitchel used Ed

Tate mule ½ of a day

March the 31st 1878 Ed Tate worked one day.

April the 25th worked the mule one day.

Pg. 11

Aug. 14th 1879

P.T. Mitchel dr to Dr. M.E. Whelan

21.75

Aug. 14th 1879

Received of P.T. Mitchel oats

amounting to

.75

for two bushels of oats

.60

february the 127th 1880 paid cash

10.00

P.T. Mitchel dr to Dr M.E. Whelan

for medacine &amp; one trip

2.25

for medicine

.75

for extracting tooth

.50

dr to cash

2.50

July 11th 1881 to hoeing corn

.25

" 22 " dr to Sinament

.25

Aug 26 " " " "

.75

Oct 6th 1881 Dr to cutting corn

.25

" 29th " " " Calf

7.75

April 19 and 20 dr to working road

1.50

June 16 and 17 dr to working

1.50

Pg. 12

Sep the 10th 1879

P.T. Mitchel dr to Joseph Mcray for

hors shoeing .20

Sharpening one shovel plow .5

Sharpening a madic .5

hors shoeing .10

Putting in a pot leg .25

Fixing an iron wedge .10

Sharpening a madic .10

J. Mcray received from P.T. Mitchel

----- for beans .25

----- for beans .40

P.T. Mitchel dr to J. Mcray for

sharpening a shovel plow .5

for hors shoeing .20

for one scyth healing .15

for one maul ring .25

for horse shoeing .10

sharpening a shovel plow .5

for home staple .5

for tempering an axe .5

sharpening a madic .5

hors shoeing .5

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Pg. 13,

Oct the 24th 1879

Samuel D. Bond dr to P.T. Mitchel

for riving boards .91

paid

S.D. Bond dr to P.T. Mitchel

for milling one grist

PAID

one grist

one grist

one grist

one grist

one grist

June 1st 1882 P.T. Mitchel dr to

S.D. Bond on settlement for medicine 15.00

June 8th 1882 dr to corn 2.00

Oct 18th 1882 S.D. Bond received

of P.T. Mitchel Calf 18.50 18.50

Square to this date

Pg. 14

Dec the 24th 1879

A.D. Mitchel dr to H.T. Smith

for one lb. of logwood .25

8 ounces of victueral .10

A.D. Mitchel dr to L.G. Smith

for one scyth 1.35

sugar .15

for one fine comb	.10
dr for butter	.(?)
dr for feathers	.19
dr for eggs	.10
for cash paid	.37
dr on	1.00

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P.T. Mitchel Dr to L.G. Smith

for window glass	.49
dr to butter	.85
dr for one lampwick	.3
dr to one set of plates	.45
dr to one set of knives & forks	1.00
dr to butter	.29

Removed to page 18th  
(This was all crossed out in pencil)

## Pg. 15

April 12th 1880

P.T. Mitchel dr to Howard Prince

for laying a madic and fixing a hoe .60

Sharpening a shovel plow .5

fixing 2 hoes .20

hors shoieing .25

sharpening a shovel plow .5

setting an axe .25

June 3rd 1882 Dr to fixing hoes .10

July 26 1883 Square on settlement

## Pg. 16

M.M. hevner dr to A.D. Mitchel

for cradling wheat 1 ½ days

for oats harvesting 2 ½ days

for cutting Briers 1 day

Dr 1 day

Dr 1 day

PAID

Dr 1 day

for carrying in wheat 1 da.

A.D. Mitchel received of M.M. hevner

2 bu of wheat. M.M. Hevner Dr to A.D. Mitchel

for shucking corn one day

Do ½ da Do ½ da

Do one day Do one day

hauling corn one bu oats

May 2nd 1881 received of M.M. Hevner

5 bu oats

" 12th " " " " "

2 bu

May 2nd 1881 worked his horse ½ day

4

"

5

"

9

"

10

"



dr to tobacco	.5
" " roap	.38
Nov 23rd to order on taylor	.54
PAID PAID PAID	

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P.T. Mitchel Dr to Safe. Powers	
Jan 7 1882 to one lb of sugar	.10
" 23 " dr to balance on wheat	.20
" 31 " dr to two lb coffee 17 cts per lb	.34
Feb 6 " " to lamp & essence	.39
" 9 " " lb tea	.30
" 16 " dr to 1-2 lb soda. peper and comb	.14
" 18 " dr 16 lb of salt 1-2 ct per lb	.24
" " " dr Broom	.20
" 21 " dr one gal lamp oil	.20
Mar 22 " dr to balance on tea	.12
Mar 25 dr to 4 yds calico	.32
" " balance on tea	.10

Pg. 22

Dr to makeing a plow rench and coal	
chisel & cuttin scren	.35
May 14th 1881 (?) to one days work	.50
" 17th dr to fixing plow rod	.5
May 23rd dr to trimming of plow	.25
March 11 1882 dr to toping a tree	.10
Sept. 1882 dr to laying madic	.35
Bal due Mcray	1.60

Pg. 23

Aug 13th 1884

P.T. Mitchel Dr to A. Simmons to one	
pair of shoes	2.25

Pg. 24

H.S. Powers

Oct 14 1882	dr to chestnuts & potatoes	11.88
Oct 19	dr to 2 pair shoes	3.25
" 19	" on settlement	2.25
" 27	" to ½ lb saltpeter	.10
Oct 30 1882	dr to 7 yds of shirting	
	12 ½ cts per yd	.81 ½
Nov 3 "	" go 1 pair boots 1.80	1.80
Nov 4 "	to one box of crayons	.20
Nov 6 "	" 3 1/3 yds drilling	
	15 cts per yd	
" " "	" 8 yds of shirting	
	12 ½ cts yd	1.00

Pg. 24 cont.

Nov 6 1882 to	1 tin bucket	.50
" " " "	1 galan oil	.20
" " " "	wooden bucket	.20
" "	6k yds calico 8 cts per yd	.50

" "	1 broom	.20	<u>.20</u>
		00.00	
Pg. 25			
feb 1883	Dr to 2 lb coffee	12 ½ cts per lb	.25
" " " " " "	" 10	" " "	.20
" " "f	" 1 gal lamp oil		.20
March	Dr to 1.00 for (?)		1.00
" 31	" 2 lb coffee	15 cts per lb	.30
	dr to balance on beans		.68
Feb 84	dr to leather		1.14

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This entry was put somewhere in the middle of the book

July 25 1881

Isaac & George Rohrbough

Dr to A.D. Mitchel for hay harvest

I July 25th Dr to 1 day -----

I " 26th 1 day -----

I " 27 1 day -----

I " 28 1 day -----

G " 29 1 day -----

G " 30 1 day -----

I " " dr to cash 1.50

G August 1st 1 day

G " "to cash 1.00

G " 2nd dr to 1 day

G " 3rd " " 1 day

G&I " 4th " " 1 day

I " 5th dr to 1 day

I " 6th Dr to 1 day

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April 26th 1881 Emma & Ida starts to school

Emma Ida

(This is a list of columned numbers)

June 5th 1880

I heard Marcus E. Martin preach. his text was the 1st thesilonians

2nd chap 2nd verse

Della J. Taylor

Died Dec. 11 1901 on Wendays at 5 oClock in the evening. Was

Beried at the Mitchell graveyard Beried 13 day 4 oClock

Wife of A.C. Taylor

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Pg. 21

December the 3rd 1860

J.M. Shoulders Counsling

7r ---- D

3

1

2

Pg. 22

December the 26th 1860

J.M. Shoulders Dr to p.t. Mitchel

for 6 y jeans

4.50

1 pare of half souls

.20

sox

.25

1 pare of boots

4.50

black smithing cast

1.50

Pg. 23

Dec the 3rd 1860

S. Marsh beard

W-D

3

5

Pg. 24

January the 18th 1861

S. Marsh Dr to p.t. Mitchel

1 pare of half soals

.20

Pg. 25

February the 22nd 1861

P.T. Mitchel Dr to g Morrison

for shoeing

1.65

for matak

.12 ½

plow and shewing

.16 2/3

plow and shewing

.40

shewing

.16 2/3

for laying a plow

.50

for shoeing

.16

for shoeing

.20

Pg. 26

Oct the 1st 1860

P.T. Mitchel Dr to j M Shoulders cash

11.00

1 yearling

10.00

Pg. 30

E.W. Mitchel Dr to P.T. Mitchel for  
moving her in 1861 and 1862

9.00

for two bushels of meel

1.00

for lard

.15

for potatos

.25

for holing wood	.50
April 1863 for halling wood	.50
for corn and meal	6.00
for halling wood	1.00
for corn	2.40
February the 1st 1867	
E. W. Mitchel Dr to P.T. Mitchel for fead	3.00
for shew mending	.50
April the 24th	
for traveling	3.37 ¼
for cash	5.67
for shew mending	.12 ½
February the 22 1862	
for wood geting	2.00
Pg. 31	
March the 20th	
for chopping wood	1.50
for chopping wood	2.25
for mowing	.80
January the 15th 1870	
hawling wood	.75
for shew mending	.10
hawling wood	2.15
Feb 25th and 28th	
for shew, mending	.20
March the 14th 1870	
for feed	3.50
for wood hawling	3.25
May 28th for shew mending	.12 ½
for wood hawling	.37 ½
for corn	11-20

September the 27th 1870

Pg.32	
december the 10th 1867	
Dr to	2.50
April the 30th 1868 cash	.35
March the 1st 1869	
for borrowed money	30.00

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#### BIRTHS

Abner mitchel was born July 31st 1789  
 Dorcas Mitcel died feb. 4 1857  
 was a Lawson before married to Abner Mitchel Dec. 10th 1812

#### DETHS

Abner mitchel died January 22. 1840  
 Elizabeth W. Mitchel Died July 12 1878

#### BIRTHS

P.t. Mitcel was born oct 21 1822

Harriet Shoulders was born march 8. 1837  
 Mansor L mitchel was Born Jan 23 1860  
 Cecelia E mitchel was born August 2. 1861  
 Alvin D. mitchel was born Aug 25 1863  
 William B. mitchel was born Aug 22. 1865  
 Saphronia P. mitchel was born Dec. 30. 1866  
 Emma E. mitchel was Born April 30 1868  
 Edgar E. mitchel was born June 5 1870  
 Ida D. mitchel was born Nov. 8. 1872  
 Marian R mitchel was born June 6 1875

## MARRIAGE

P t mitchel was married to Harriet Shoulders march 8 1859  
 A D mitchel was married to mattie M. Schiefer Sept 3. 1893  
 Marian R mitchel was married to Mary A. Skinner Oct. 3. 1894  
 John E mitchel was married to prudence a McColly feb 3 1842  
 Daughter of Henry McCally and son of Abner mitchel

## BIRTHS

Elizabeth W. mitchel was born Nov 21. 1814  
 John E. mitchel was born April 27. 1818  
 prudence A. mitchel was born July 29. 1811

## DETHS

Harriet Mitchel died wife of P.T. mitchel January 16 1888  
 Mansor L mitchel Died Oct 18. 1862  
 William B mitchel Died march 11. 1866  
 Saphronia P. Mitchel died April 22. 1867  
 Cecelia - E - mitchel Died - feb 23. 1874  
 Emma Mitchell died March. 25. 1897  
 P.T. Mitchell Died December 22. 1898

## BIRTHS

Mattie Schiefer wife of A.D. mitchel was born Nov 27. 1862  
 Mary A. Skinner was born the wife of M.R. mitchel June. 12. 1872  
 ethel. j. Mitchell was borne july 25= 6- 1895  
 Martin C Mitchell was borne feb 16,=7.o= 1897

## BIRTHS

Ethel. J. Mitchell was Born July 25. 1895 at 6 oClock Morning  
 Charles M. Mitchell Born feb 16: 1897 at 7 oClock in Morning  
 Marion Basil Mitchell Was Bord oct 23 Day 1904 in the morning  
 6.30 oClock Sonly

## DETHS

Charles Martin Mitchell Died July 2. 1897.  
 Son of M R and M A Mitchell

James D. Skinner Died Nov. 3. 1897 on friday at 9 oClock in the  
 morning Baried in the Mitchell graveyard. Saturday at 3 oClock

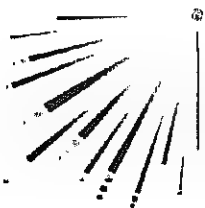
Elizabeth Skinner died April 20, 1918. Saturday 8:30 P.M.  
 Buried at Roanoke April 22. 3:00 P.M.  
 Marion R Mitchell Died Dec. 2 1920 at 9.50 at night Buried Dec.4  
 at the home Place

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The following poem was found in the back of this book. It was not signed. I don't know if this is an original or if it was just a favorite copied down for spiritual comfort. I do know that P.T. was a religious man, having often been told he was a "spirit raising" preacher. Some of us are moved, at one time or another, to rhyme or verse, so I presume (not assume) that this was written by Paul Teter Mitchel.

V.M.

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|--|--|
| <p>1. Come my brethren dear<br/>         Since we have now met here<br/>         for to tell what we have met since her last<br/>         amonxt the rest i do rise<br/>         being bound for the skies<br/>         for to tell through what conflicts in past</p> | <p>5. my friends i want to go<br/>         and leave all things below<br/>         whilst i view them asinging above<br/>         i want to walk the plains<br/>         in a more exalted stans<br/>         and to praise the redeemer of love</p>                     |
| <p>2. My friends have tried each scheme<br/>         once more to make me dream<br/>         about.happyness here upon earth<br/>         but if glory in my view<br/>         and my journey i'll persue<br/>         and by grace travel on until death</p>          | <p>6. it will not be long<br/>         till i shall change my song<br/>         from sighs and from groans into praise</p> <p>with the angels i shall meet<br/>         for to walk the golden streets (lather)?<br/>         and to join with bright saints in teir</p> |
| <p>3. satan has tried his force<br/>         for to stop up my coarse<br/>         and direct me in some other way<br/>         the world is strove in vain<br/>         my affections to gain<br/>         and once more for to lead me astray</p>                    | <p>7. we'll sing mores Song<br/>         as we do march along<br/>         and the gates of the city past through<br/>         bearing palms in our hands<br/>         and bright crowns on our heads<br/>         wearing white robes of rightousmiss too.</p>          |
| <p>4. some times i do sigh<br/>         and often weep and cry<br/>         through troubles of various kinds<br/>         but if blessed be the lord<br/>         i am told in his word<br/>         that the end of my conflicts i'll find</p>                       |  |



Kudos to Perry Brake who has spent many hours typing and scanning articles for our journal. Perry you are appreciated as are all our volunteers.



### "Weston Democrat", April 14, 1888

Died on the 1<sup>st</sup> instant, infant son of **Mr. and Mrs. Peter Waggoner**. Remains interred in the Buckhannon Run Cemetery.

**Henry J. Bennett** of Vadis has been granted a pension.

**Bret**, the little son of **Ed Swisher** was badly burned last Monday morning from the effects of which he died. He was sleeping in the upper room with some of the children and they awoke and got up leaving little Bret asleep. In a short while his mother heard his cries and hurrying to him found him with his clothes in flames. The fire was soon put out but not until he was fatally burned. **Dr. Lawson** was called and rendered the necessary medical aid. The child had gotten hold of some matches and while playing with them set his clothes on fire. The remains were interred in the Morrison Cemetery on Thursday.

### April 21, 1888

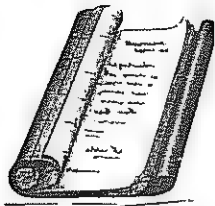
**Mr. T. H. St. Clair** of Morgantown, Monongalia County and the brother-in-law of **G. M. Chidester Esq.** Died at his home on Monday. Mrs. Chidester was on a visit to her home at the time of her brother's death.

Married at the Methodist Episcopal Parsonage in Weston, Thursday, April 19, 1888, by Rev. Benj. Ison. **Mr. James W. Simmons** and **Miss Emma G. Barnett**. Jim is one of the boys here and quite a number of his male and female friends were present when they happy occurrence of his marriage took place.



### WIMER COUSINS REUNION SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 1998

Annual picnic by **Wimer Cousins** will start at 10:00 am at the picnic grounds of the **Straight Fork United Methodist Church** at the **Lewis and Upshur County** line on **Route 4** between **Route 19 and Route 20** on **Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>**.



## SKETCHES OF OLD

*A series of sketches of Central West Virginia people found in History of West Virginia Old and New, Volume 1, by James Morton Callahan, 1923.*

### Dr. Luther Samson Brock, M.D.

Dr. Luther Samson Brock, M.D., has been closely identified with the history of the City of Morgantown for upwards of half a century, during which time he has won success and prominence both in the profession of medicine and in business circles, and is today recognized as one of the leaders in the public affairs of the community, as well as one of the worthwhile men of West Virginia

Doctor **Brock** was born in Greene County, Pennsylvania, December 19, 1844, a son of Fletcher and Rachel **Stephenson Brock**. This branch Of the Block family is descended from **Burbridge Brock**, who came to America from England, settling in New Jersey in the middle of the seventeenth century. His son William, who was born in Near Jersey in 1760, wed Margaret **Dunn**, and brought his family to the borderland of Virginia, where he settled on land lying on each side of the "Mason and Dixon Line" in Pennsylvania and Virginia (now West Virginia). Fletcher **Brock**, son of William and father of Dr. Luther B. **Brock**, was born in Virginia May 8, 1807. He built his home practically upon the spot where he was born, on land touching and overlapping the "Mason and Dixon Line," and became a prominent citizen of his section. While his business was in Virginia, his home was in Pennsylvania and he was always a citizen of the Keystone State, which he represented in the Legislature. In 1829 he was united in marriage with Miss Rachel **Stephenson**, of Waynesburg, Pennsylvania, and four sons and five daughters were born to them, two of the sons dying in infancy. Of the five daughters, three are now living: Mrs. Cynthia B. **Glenn** and Mrs. Harriet B. **Showalter** of Kansas City, Missouri, and Miss Martha **Brock** of Morgantown.

Living on the borderline between the states of Pennsylvania and Virginia (now West Virginia), Luther S. **Brock** attended the free schools of Pennsylvania and the subscription schools of Virginia. At the age of fourteen he entered the Monongalia Academy at Morgantown, an institution of very high grade and standing where he completed the full course. He read medicine under the preceptorship of his brother, Dr. Hugh Workman **Brock**, who after the death of their father had taken upon himself the care and education of his younger brother and sisters. After his graduation from Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine, in 1874, Dr. Luther S. **Brock** entered the general practice of medicine in partnership with his brother, Dr. Hugh Workman **Brock**, a distinguished physician and surgeon of Morgantown, an association which was terminated by the death of the latter in 1882. Since the above year he has been a senior member of the firm of **Brock** and Wade of Morgantown, the junior member being Dr. Spencer S. **Wade**. During the more



active years of Dr. **Brock's** professional labors, his practice extended over a broad area of surrounding country, often reaching beyond the border of the neighboring states.

For a number the years Dr. **Brock** served as a member of the United States Board of Examining Surgeons, and under the administration of Governor A. B. **Fleming** and Governor William E. **Glasscock**, served as a member of the State Board of Health of West Virginia. He likewise was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Fairmont Miners' Hospital, in the locating of which institution he was largely instrumental. He also served as president of the West Virginia State Medical Society, and was one of the founders of the Monongalia County Medical Society, and for several years was its president. He is still a member of these societies and of the American Medical Association. He served for at least fifteen years as a member of the Morgantown School Board, and still retains a keen interest in educational affairs. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and has been for many years one of its trustees.

Doctor **Brock** has been one of the Board of Directors and vice-president of the Bank of the Monongahela Valley since its organization in 1888, and is now its president. He was one of the founders of the Morgantown Brick Company, and has been its vice-president since its organization.

In 1891 Dr. **Brock** wee united in marriage with Miss Agnes **Lauck**, daughter of Rev. William and Sarah (**Benny**) **Lauck**, of Beaver, Pennsylvania, and to their union two daughters and one son have been born: Rachel **Stephenson**, who is deceased; Eleanor who has won national distinction as a singer; and Robert Luther, a graduate of the West Virginia University, who served during the World war with the rank of lieutenant, and is now married and living in Morgantown.

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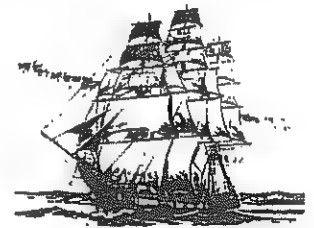
## 250th Anniversary

The Immigration of John & Elizabeth Cummins Jackson

1748/49-1998

TWO - DAY CELEBRATION

AUGUST 15 & 16, 1998



A request has been sent to Governor Underwood asking that he proclaim this weekend "Jackson Family Heritage Days".

Reservations have been confirmed for a catered lunch at Jackson's Mill Saturday noon; banquet Saturday night at the Masonic Temple in Clarksburg.

John Jackson's grave will be marked by the Sons of the American Revolution

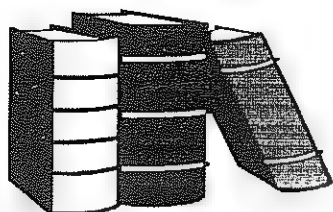
Time Capsule celebration

**PREPAID RESERVATIONS** for:

Saturday catered picnic lunch, adults \$8.00; children \$4.50

Saturday evening banquet, adults \$12.00; children \$6.00.

This is a **BIG** event and it **VERY** important that we have an idea how many will be coming ahead of time. Contact: Nancy A. Jackson, 507 Haymond Hwy., Clarksburg, WV 26301; 304-623-4609 or email: WvaToo@aol.com.



## LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS

The following additions to our library are donations as of  
November 1, 1997

SHELF #	TITLE	DONOR
CS 39	Marshall County Census 1850	HCPD
FA 555	Miscellaneous Families	
	Gainer	
	Gluck	
	Hess	Roger Ryan
	Hewitt	Barr Wilson
	Hinzman	
	Hoover	Vivian Hytovick
	Pinnell	
	Schoolcraft	
	Smith	James G. Legg
	Staats	
	Steorts	Linda Coffman
	Westfall	
	Wilson	
	White	
LO 46A	Carolina County – Calhoun County or Roane County	Philip Crane
ML 162 A&B	Guide to Microfilm –Pennsylvania Revolutionary	
	Governments and Index	HCPD
ML 163	Black Confederate Heritage	
RF 74	Everyday Life In The 1800's	HCPD
OB 61	Abstract of Obits Western Christian Advocate	HCPD
OS 310	Odom Family Tree Newsletters	HCPD
LO 21B	Virginia Postmaster and Post Offices	HCPD
ML 164	The Hidden Years	HCPD
BR 24	Northumberland County Birth Records	Beulah Robinson
RF 145	Book Reprints & Book Reviews	
FA 556	The Wests of Duck Creek	William Donnelly
KK 61	West Virginia	Raymond Wolfe
KK 62	Leading Guide to Adventure Trails	Raymond Wolfe
MA 76	Ohio Marriages Through 1820	
MI 56	A Seventh Man	Raymond Wolfe
OS 16A	West Virginia Atlas & Gazetteer	
NC 15	Wheeling Directory	
US 44	Connecticut	Raymond Wolfe
FA 423A	Harper Family Newsletters	
FA 557	Distant Voices	
RF 106B	Forum	
WV 21	West Virginia History Day	
WV 110A	Citizens Bank of Weston	
KK 63	Under 18 and Knowing Your Rights	Raymond Wolfe
CE 36B	In Remembrance – Preston County	HCPD
ML 75	Stonewall Jackson, The Good Soldier	
WV 115	Mountain State Stories of The People	HCPD

WV 125	changed from RF 138 West Virginia Imprints	
WV 27c	Oversides On A Horse	
W 27B	changed from LD22 Killing Waters	
WV 27A	changed from WV27	
Delete IN 10	was duplicate to ML 65	
WV 152	West Virginia Economic Profile 1974	Marlene Tenny
WV 153	Rhododendron Jungle	Eve Newlon
OS 47	Genealogy of the Old Testament	Raymond Wolfe
MI 55	Sentimental Humorous & Miscellaneous Poems	Barr Wilson
LD 123	History of Marshall County	
KK 64	Katy and the Big snow	Irma Curtis
KK 65	Heidi	
KK 66	The Land of Oz	
KK 67	The Wonderful Wizard of Oz	
FA 558	John & Mary (Shoulders) Dolly	Raymond Wolfe
FA 559	Footsteps of Our Fathers	Mary Stemple Coffman
FA 560	Ancestors of Linda Bailey Kacinec	In memory of Samuel W. Bailey
FA 561	Genealogy of A Bailey Family	In memory of Samuel W. Bailey
FA 562	John Hutson and Some Descendants	
Added to FA 411	Henry Wimer	
LO 10C	Lewis County Sesquicentennial 1817-1967	
Added to A to FA 48	Thomas Skidmore 1605-1684	
RB	West Virginia Yesterday & Today	Marlene Tenny
RB	Living Arithmetic	Marlene Tenny
RB	Atlas (New Census of The World)	Marlene Tenny
FA 230	The Tennants of West Virginia	Nancy Gates
FA 48 B	changed from FA 109 Thomas Skidmore Addendum	Sharon Pawlowski
FA 48C	changed from FA 108 Skidmores of Upton	
FA 218A	Squires Information	
FA 55	Swisher Family of WV (Hardback replaces notebook)	Dorothy Peterson
FA 503	McVay Family	Dorothy Peterson
LO 40	History of Pendleton County West Virginia	
VA 6B	History of Rockingham County Virginia	
ML 165	Captain Jack The Scout (copied & put original in R.B.)	
ML 77	Military Hospitals in Richmond	
ML 76	Diary of Major Shriver Moore	Joe Wells
RF 78	Buckhannon – Weston Telephone Directory	
WI 16	Wills of Mifflin County	John Boggs
FA 212	Harden Family	Marjorie Hardman
MA 31A	Early Braxton Marriages	James Evelyn Blake
LO 45B	Preston County History	
FA 213	Culpepper County Virginia	
NC 16a	Newspaper Abstracts National Intelligencer & Washington Advertiser	Linda Meyers
NC 16b	Newspaper Abstracts National Intelligencer & Washington Advertiser	Linda Meyers
NC 16c	Newspaper Abstracts National Intelligencer & Washington Advertiser	Linda Meyers
FA 563	changed from US 43 David E. Jackson	
CE 41B	They Rest Quietly (Randolph Co. Cemeteries)	HCPD

CE 72	The Manassas City Cemetery .In memory of Sarah Elizabeth Bailey Williams	
CH 68	St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Haymarket, VA	
CR 29	Lewis County Deed Book A-B-C- 1817-1727	
FA 488B	HCPD Gathering Pictures 1997	
FA 108	Love Family –Reager-Colerider-Westfall-Rohrbough	Nancy Jackson
FA 109	Roots & Wings (Family of Benjamin Hamrick)	Leslie W. Hamrick
FA 214A	Peter Baker of New York & His Descendants 1767-1822	Ken and
FA 214B	Peter Baker of New York & His Descendants 1767-1822	Annarose Bowers
FA 504	Steorts and Allied Families	Linda Steorts Kaufman
FA533	Our Ancest History 1505-1986	Mary Creamer
FA 94B	John (Bear Hunter) and Elizabeth (Subre) Cutright	Raymond Wolfe
KK 68	Trouble At The Mines	Charlotte Fleming
RF 138	Tracing Your Ancestors	Raymond Wolfe
VA 24	Homestead – Warm Springs, Virginia	Raymond Wolfe
WV 118A	Mountain Memories Vol. 1	Miriam Looker
WV 118B	Mountain Memories Vol. 2	Miriam Looker
ML 169	changed from ML 119 PA Soldiers of The Rev. Green & Washington Counties	
ML 170	changed from ML 120 American Rev. Soldiers of Franklin County, PA	
FA 564	changed from FA 54 George Morris of Ten Mile	
MA 78	Marriages & Deaths – Wheeling, WV	
ML 119	Rebellion Official Records	
FA 215	Ten Mile Country & Pioneer Families	
FA 570	Brouwer –Brower Ancestry	
FA 571	Harlans of Spring Hill	Noodie Runner
KK 70	Black Beauty	Irma Curtis
KK 71	The Black Stallion	Irma Curtis
MI 60	Outline History of Mankind Vol. 1	Irma Curtis
MI 61	Outline History of Mankind Vol. 2	Irma Curtis
FA 379	Descendants of Jonathan & David Stout	James Stout
CS 38B	Added to 1870 Marion County Census	
CS 38C	1910 Marion County Census	
WV 154	The Hillbilly Highway	
WV 184	Trees of West Virginia	
WV 191	West Virginia Sheep & Wool Directory	
HC 15	Library Buildings Rental & Leases	
MA 52B	Preston County Marriages 1869-1900	
JO 160	Pendleton County Herald	
FA 440	Descendants of Sinclair Casey 1799	
BR 3	Added Marion County Birth Records 1860-1870	
WI 20	Harrison County Will Index 1788-1924	
WI 21	Marion County Will Index 1842-1924	
WI 23	Monongalia County Will Index 1796-1923	
DE 35	Mason County Deaths	
CS 57B	Roane County Census 1870-1880	
CS 57C	Roane County Census 1900	
FA 565	changed from 440 Misc. Families Vol. 31	
FA 513	changed from 529 Broadwater Family	
FA 423B	changed from 534 Harper Family Newsletter	
Removed FA 487	George McLean Diary – was duplicate to FA 302	
Removed FA 510	Yock-Yoke-Yoak-was duplicate to FA 404	



1. **HUGHES:** Would like to know the names of children of the following **HUGHES** men who sold property in the years 1770 and 1773. **ELIAS** 1770 – 400 ac. Monongahala River; **JESSE** 1770 – 400 ac. Hacker's Creek; **Thomas** 1773 – 400 ac. Monongahala River. I think that these 3 men were brothers and sons of **THOMAS HUGHES**. I am looking for **ISHMAEL HUGHES'** parents. Could he be a brother to these men or perhaps a son? They are all found in Harrison County at the same time. **ISHMAEL** was born in Petersburg, VA and married **SUSANAH KENSHLA** in Harrison Co., VA in year of 1806. I understand they had to be at least 21 as no parents signed for them. Eleven children born to this couple. I found **ELIAS** in

Licking Co., OH.. He returned to Harrison county to die. The histories state they all had large families. Contact: **Emma Shephard**, PO Box 439, Newman, IL 61942.

2. **SANDY, VINCENT;** VA, WV; Researching family of **VINCENT SANDY** who m. **MARY BEATY** in Marion Co., (W)VA in 1828, moved to Tyler Co., (West) Virginia **VINCENT**, b. 1800, was s/o **VINCENT SANDY**, and was possibly a brother to **THOMAS SANDY**: mother's given name was **MILA** (possibly **MALINDA**). Family was probably originally from VA and moved to area that would become WV. Will welcome info on any Sandy (or Sandys) family that lived in VA or central WV from middle 1700's to middle 1800's. Will be happy to exchange **SANDY** and **BEATY** info. Contact: **Pat Pulasky**, 16573 Elm Circle, Fountain Valley, CA 92708 or [PULASKY1@worldnet.att.net](mailto:PULASKY1@worldnet.att.net).
3. Searching for information on my gr.-gr.-gr. grandfather and grandmother, **BENJAMIN** and **SUSANNAH JACKSON BASSEL** and, if possible, pictures of each of them. I have their birthdates and death dates, but little in-between. Contact: **Mary Schultheis**, 763 Gretchen Rd, Chula Vista, CA 91910-6217 or; [lschultheis@compuserve.com](mailto:lschultheis@compuserve.com).
4. I am trying to gather as many photo copies of grandparents as I can. If you have any old photos of these families please contact me: **CAPT. SAMUEL STALNAKER** and **SARAH WILLIAMS?**; **JACOB STALNAKER** and **ELIZABETH TRUBY?**; **WILLIAM STALNAKER** and **MARGARET MCHENRY**; **CHARLES MARTENEY** and **ANNA MARIA FRANCK**; **WILLIAM SANDFORD MARTENEY** and **EUNICE EASTBURN**; **DANIEL MARTENEY** and **DORCAS STALNAKER**; **HENRY JACKSON** and **ELIZABETH SHREVE**; **THOMAS HALL** and **ELIZABETH WILSON**; **FREDERICK CORRICK** and **PERMELIA CHILCOTE**. Contact: **Vanetta Marteney McVey**, 71494 Valley View Rd, Elgin, OR 97827 – (541)437-4022,
5. Seeking information on **PHILLIP CONNER**, b. 1892 Harrison Co., WV; m. **ORA MARTIN**. Contact: **Marlene Conner**, 5860 W. Morelos St., Chandler, AZ 85226; (602) 961-3950 or [gconner@goodnet.com](mailto:gconner@goodnet.com).
6. **OTHO MEANS** was b. 1801/1803, VA; he d. 1872, Lewis Co., WV. His parents were **ROBERT MEANS** (1766-1800) and **NANCY HENRY**. He m. **CATHERINE STRADER** on 13 Dec. 1821 in Lewis Co., (West) Virginia. Their children were **ROBERT**, **CALVIN** and **MARY**. **CATHERINE STARCHER MEANS** d. bet. 1834 and 1837. **OTHO** m. #2 **ANNA "NANCY" CUMMINGS** on 2 Jul. 1837 in Lewis Co., (West) Virginia They had

children; CATHERINE, AMY JANE, WILLIAM, CAROLINE, MARIAH, and OTHO. Can anybody add to the ancestry of OTHO MEANS or give any local history on the family? Who was NANCY HENRY, one of the Virginia Henry's? Contact: **John Salter**, 3304 Live Oak Circle, Austin, TX 78731; (512) 453-8752 or [salter@jumpnet.com](mailto:salter@jumpnet.com).

7. Seeking info on **LUZADER/LUZADDER** and various spellings, especially **MICAH/MICHAEL LUZADDER** b. 1810/1811 in Monongalia Co., (W)VA. He m. **RACHEL WISEMAN**, d/o **BENJAMIN** and **ELIZABETH ANDERSON WISEMAN** on 8 Apr. 1831 Harrison Co., (W)VA and had at least 10 children: **EDGAR** m. **ELIZABETH ROBINSON**; **EMILY M./EMMA** m. **PERRY CAMPBELL**; **PERRY G.** m. **SARAH S. CANFIELD**; **CHRISTINE A. (JANE)** m. **SIDA H. CAMPBELL**; **PHEBE LUZADER** m. **ANDREW MILLER**; **WILLIAM H. (WILL)** m. **MARGARET JONES**; **JOHN W.** m. **ANN S. ARBOGAST**; **ARNETTA (ANNETTA)** m. **JUSTIS DRUMMOND**; **THOMAS J./F.** m. **ELIZA RIBLETT**; **GRANVILLE M.** m. **MARY M. COLLINS**. **RACHEL WISEMAN LUZADDER** d. Gilmer Co., WV 25 Feb. 1865 of consumption. At age 55 **MICAH** m. 30 May 1866, #2 **MARTHA WARD**, widow age 47, b. Randolph Co., with some children of her own. They later moved to Calhoun Co., WV where **MICAH** died in 1866, 1867 or 1873. Can someone verify which year is correct? Who were **MICAH'S** parents.

**STALNAKER:** Looking for anyone working on the **WM. STALNAKER**. In the 1860 Gilmer Co. census there is a **GEORGE W. CUNNINGHAM**, hh, 23, farmer, b. Pendleton Co., (W)VA, listed as an agent for **WM. STALNAKER**. Listed with **GEORGE** is wf. **REBECCA H.H.M.**, age 22, and children **ELIZABETH J.**, age 2 and **MARY F.**, age 1. Does anyone have any information on **GEORGE W. CUNNINGHAM**. I know he m. **REBECCA HUDDMIRAH FLENNER** 5 Feb. 1859 and that he was a Union soldier, killed at the battle of Winchester on 24 Jul. 1864. This record states he was b. in Wood County, not Pendleton. Does anyone know who **GEORGE'S** parents were? What kind of work does an agent do? Contact: **Loretta Snider**, 1938 Cranford Dr. Apt. #4, Garland, TX 75041-4166 or (972) 864-1154.

8. **BUTCHER FISHER ALKIRE** Need the exact death date for , s/o **JOHN ANDERSON BUTCHER** and **CHRISTENA "TENNEY" (ALKIRE) BUTCHER**. I have just 1846 in Weston, WV. Also where was he buried? Was he bur.in the Butcherville cemetery with the rest of the earlier Butcher family? He was m. to **EUNICE FISHER** 13 Jan 1828. She was d/o **GEORGE FISHER** and **BARBARY ELIZABETH BUSH**. Appreciate any help.
- ❖ **CONRAD FISHER STRATTON ELIZABETH CONRAD**, d/o **JACOB** (named in his will) is supposed to be will of **GEORGE FISHER, SR.** I have no vital dates for them. They had son, **CHARLES** b. ca 1765 - maybe in Pendleton Co., WV. He m. **EUNICE STRATTON** ca 1789 and his will was dated 15 Jul. 1829 in Lewis Co, proved Feb. 1830.
- ❖ **STRATTON FISHER EUNICE STRATTON** b.11 Nov 1771 - where? She was d/o **SERIAH STRATTON** who was b. 7 Jul 1740 in Simsbury, Hartford Co., CT and m/1 9 Jan 1770 to a **CATHARINE** -?- Need her maiden name. He is said to have m/2 **HANNAH AUGER**. **SERIAH** d. after 1796 in Pendleton Co. Need his exact death date and burial information. I have the **STRATTON** family back into New England in early 1700's and **SERIAH** was s/o **SERAIAH STRATTON** and **EUNICE CASE**. Does anyone know of these families and can help me? Contact: **Bette Butcher Topp**, 1304 W. Cliffwood Court, Spokane, WA 99218-2917 or e-mail: [toppline@cet.com](mailto:toppline@cet.com).

9. I am looking for information on **ALMIRA ELIZABETH WARE** b. June 1850 m. **JOEL PEB CUTRIGHT** d. Jan 13 1899 Pine Grove Cem. Would like to know who her parents were, siblings. Contact: **Barb Morris** [fift1@aol.com](mailto:fift1@aol.com).
10. **HENRY DAVIS** b. abt, 1835-40 maybe Hampshire CO WV. married **CATHERINE MALADY** b. abt same time. Second marriage to a **FETTY**. Children that we know are, **ROSE, GEORGE, JONATHAN**. There may be more. **ROSE** was b. Dec. 17, 1871 in WV. Contact: **Pam Riddell**, [crewchf@sccoast.net](mailto:crewchf@sccoast.net).
11. Need correct burial location for **CASSANDRA "CLELAND" HAYMOND**, d/o **THOMAS CLELLAND & JANE (SMITH)**, w/o **WILLIAM HAYMOND**, married April 19, 1763, Frederick Co., VA. **CASSANDRA** was born October 25, 1741 in Rock Creek Parish, Prince George Co., MD., died December 23, 1788, Clarksburg, Harrison Co., VA/WV. She is listed on **WILLIAMS** headstone, but is not listed as to where she was really buried. Some family members feel she was buried in Clarksburg, but none of us have been able to located just where. Contact: **Patricia G. Viellenave**, 184 West Woodhaven Drive, Kingsland, GA. 31548 or email: [wvgal@camcomp.com](mailto:wvgal@camcomp.com).
12. I'm searching for the parents of four **McDANIEL** brothers that moved from Pennsylvania to Grafton, West Virginia area about 1790. (None of the brothers could read or write and sometimes their name was incorrectly spelled **McDONALD** particularly in the census) They were **WILLIAM, DAVID, AARON, JAMES** and we think **SAMUEL McDANIEL**. **WILLIAM** was born in 1771 and married **ELIZABETH DARE** in the 3rd Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia in 1787. We believe **DAVID** was born in 1770 and **AARON** ca. 1775. **SAMUEL** was born in 1762 and moved to Brown County, Ohio about 1780. I have a lot of information on the family after they got to West Virginia, but not a clue as to who their parents were in PA. Any information or advise would be greatly appreciated. Contact: **E. L. McDaniels**, 11371 Wembley Rd., Rossmore, CA 90720 or email: [gene38a@ptconnect.infi.net](mailto:gene38a@ptconnect.infi.net) or <http://www.ptconnect.infi.net/~gene38a>.
13. Seeking information on descendants of **ROBERT MEANS** for publication. Any and all information welcome. Please document sources whenever possible. Contact: **Connie Street**, 325 Franklin Ave., Wapello, Iowa 52653-1515 or email: [ckcasey@lisco.net](mailto:ckcasey@lisco.net).
14. **RIFFLE**: I am looking for ALL descendants of the **RIFFLE** family. My line begins with **JACOB RIFFLE SR** who is my 5th great grandfather. I descend with his son **ISAAC RIFFLE**. I am working on all the lines of **JACOB'S** 11 children and their families. All information is welcome and appreciated! I look forward to sharing with you! Contact: **Cindy Kostka**, 12 Montello St. Ext. Brockton, MA 02401-7101 or email: [JCCEKOST@aol.com](mailto:JCCEKOST@aol.com).
15. Seeking information on descendants of **JAMES** and **CATHERINE BAZE SLEETH**. Is **SHERMAN S SLEETH** who m. **LENA M WOEBLER** on 6/28/1888 in Warren Co., IL the same as **SIMEON SHERMAN SLEETH**, s/o **JOHN HART SLEETH**?  
Is **SARAH**, d/o **ENOCH G**, s/o **CALEB SLEETH**, the **SARAH SLEETH** who m. **WILLIAM C JONES** on 12/6/1883 in Shelby Co., IN?  
Is **CALEB**, br/o **SARAH** (above) the **CALEB SLEETH** who m. **HARRIET JONES** on 12/17/1882 in Shelby Co., IN?

- ❖ Seeking information about **JAMES R, MONROE, ROLF**, and **WILLIAM SLEETH**- all bur. in Shelby Co. Cem., Shelby Co., IN; **DAVID SLEETH**, bur. in Hancock Cem.; **DAVIA SLEETH**, age 18, bur. in Casad (?) Cem.; **THOMAS SLEETH**, b. in White Co., IN, **ROBERT SLEETH** bur.in Work Co., IN; **W H H SLEETH** (I assume this stands for **WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON**) mentioned in History of Greene and Sullivan Co., IN, p 153, and **GEORGE M SLEETH**, printer of the Owensville, Indiana "Register" in 1875. Contact **Mary S. Creamer**, 529 Madison Ave., Morgantown, WV 26505 or e-mail: [GodivaM@aol.com](mailto:GodivaM@aol.com).
- 16. **ZACHARIAH WESTFALL**, bpt 18 Feb 1769, Deerpark, Orange, NY, m 2 Jan 1788 in Randolph Co. (W)V, **HANNAH WOLF**, dau of "CHRISTIANAH". He appears on the 1810 Harrison Co. census as "WESTPAL;" on the 1820 Lewis Co. census as "**ZACHVIAH WHESTFELL**." He is said to have gone to Jackson Co, WV in the 1830s with his son **ANDREW**. I have not found him on the 1840 census, although there is an older woman with **ANDREW** on that census who may be **HANNAH**. Any information about this couple appreciated, especially a death date and place. Contact: **Lorna Dunklee**, 15752 Wakefield Court, Haymarket, VA 20169 or email: [ldunklee@juno.com](mailto:ldunklee@juno.com).
- 17. I have about as much information as I am probably going to get on my **BRAKE** ancestors in West Virginia, but I have essentially nothing on my paternal grandmother, **LUCY ANN PERRY**, b. 1883, location unknown, d. 1969, Rock Cave, WV. Married to **ARTHUR D. BRAKE**. Probably grew up in French Creek. Also known as "Nettie." Contact: **Perry Brake**, 5416 60th Ave. Ct. W, Tacoma, WA or [PudlJumper@aol.com](mailto:PudlJumper@aol.com).
- 18. I am interested in any information about **JOHN WILLIAM MCCOY** who was b. on 14 Sept. 1826 in Tyler County, VA: m. to **DELIA MARIA EVANS** on 30 May 1855 in Monongalia County. **JOHN W. MCCOY** d. on 26 Jan. 1902 in Fairmont, WV. I would like to know about his parents and details of his life and his children. I believe that he resided at 205 Locus Ave. In Fairmont and that he had about 14 children. Contact: **Carol McCoy**, 11 Johnson Rd., Falmouth, ME 04105 or email: [Cmccoy3333@aol.com](mailto:Cmccoy3333@aol.com).
- 19. Still searching for THE right **HENRY ECKHART/ECKERT** who would be my 4 great grandfather, father of **SARAH ECKERT** who m. **FREDERICK STEINBECK** before 1800. Their first child was b. ca 1800 Hardy Co, VA. Not much is known about **HENRY ECKERT** except it is felt he was living in MD in late 1700s as several deeds appear in that area.
- ❖ **WILLIAM STEINBECK** who moved to Cape Girardeau, MO in 1825, married a **ZILPHEY POE** and raised 6 children. **HENRY STEINBECK** b. 1801 Hardy Co, VA(W) m. **JULIA ANN CAPITO** d/o **DANIEL & NANCY CAPITO** of Pendleton Co.VA before 1828. **SARAH ANN STEINBECK** first b. 1828 m. s/o **ALEXANDER SCOTT WITHERS**. **ENOCH THORNTON WITHERS** and **SARAH** m. Nov 12, 1846. **SARAH** was the oldest of 9 ch.
- ❖ Does anyone have any information on the **JOHN CLARKE** (b.ca 1779 m. **ELIZABETH WELTON**) family? Their son **AARON CLARKE** b. 1808 VA, m. the sister of my g g grandfather **HENRY STEINBECK**. **ELIZABETH ANN (BETSY) STEINBECK** m. **AARON W. CLARKE** July 21, 1825 in Hardy Co, VA (WV) . There were 3 children that we know ..**JOHN F.** b. ca 1830/31 who m. **MARY A.**— 1855; **WILLIAM** b. ca 1832/33 m. **CAROLYN BAKER** Dec 1867. **WILLIAM** d. Jan 1882; and **ANN JEMIMA (Angie)** b.



1835, m. **JOHN GROVE** Oct 1869. According to LDS records **John F.** had at least 2 sons, **Aaron** b. ca 1856 VA; and **Edward** b. ca 1858.

- ❖ **WILLIAM & CAROLINE (CAROLYN) BAKER** dau of **ELI & FRANCES . BAKER** had at least 3 ch. **ELIZABETH** b. Oct.1868 Grant Co, WV. m. **DANIEL MARSHALL** Sept 1888; **FRANCES B. CLARK** b. Oct 1870 Grant Co., m. **CHARLES W. STUMP** June 1905, died 1954; & **MARY B. CLARK** b.1875 Grant Co., WV m. **HARRY H. MCNEMAR** July 1909, d Oct 1945. **ANN JEMIMA (ANGIE)CLARK** m. **JOHN GROVE** had 2 ch. **JESSE CLARK GROVE** b. 1871 Grant, WV d Nov 1871. **ANN C. GROVE**, b. July 1875 Grant WV. If you have any information to exchange on this family line it might help me find my g g g grandfather **FREDERICK STEINBECK'S** parentage/entry to America which would have been in late 1700s. Contact: **Shirley Toohey**, 1140 N. Circle Dr., La Habra, CA 90631-2728 or [s2ee@juno.com](mailto:s2ee@juno.com).

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